

# LINER SUNK BY RUSSIANS

Situation Is Again Complicated and Uncle Sam May Have to Get Into It.

## CZAR CONCEDES DEMANDS

Ardoza Has Been Released and Prize Crew Landed—Others to Follow.

BY PAUL LAMBETH.  
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LONDON, July 25.—The news that a British ship had been sunk by the Russian Vladivostok squadron in the Pacific has caused a renewal of the excitement and an increase in the bitter feeling against Russia here, and as soon as the details have been received it is altogether probable that strong representations will be made to the Russian government about the matter.

The people here are at a loss to understand why the Knight Commander was sunk. Even if she had contraband aboard and was subject to seizure, there are no conceivable circumstances which would have justified her being sunk after the Russians had taken possession of her, as appears to have been the case from the reports which have been received up to this time. As a matter of fact, the owners of the vessel say they have received assurances from their American representatives that they were no contraband about the vessel. If the conditions in international law to have been indefensible, and Russia will undoubtedly be called upon for an explanation.

Russia has practically conceded all of Great Britain's contentions, in connection with the seizure and search of merchant vessels by the volunteer cruisers in the Red Sea. The British vessels are to be released and the Russian cruisers are to return to a Russian port, where they will be regularly commissioned. The excitement caused by this incident has practically disappeared. Whether the sinking of the Knight Commander will bring on another crisis can only be known when the full particulars of the incident have been received. As the cargo of the vessel was owned by Americans and consigned to an American firm, it is presumed here that the Washington government will also take action if the Russian naval commander has transgressed his rights in this matter. It is firmly believed here that he has.

## WITHIN HER RIGHTS.

English Naval Men Declare Sinking of Steamer Was Legal.

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LONDON, July 25.—While in insurance and shipping circles there is indignation over the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander, naval men who are posted on the principles of international law, declare that the Russian Vladivostok fleet was well within its rights when it sent the steamer to the bottom.

"Russia," declared a prominent rear-admiral last night, "can sink any vessel which they can prove was laden either wholly or in part, with contraband of war. You can expect soon to hear that the big 6,500 ton American steamer Shawmut, which sailed for Seattle July 20th, for Japan, with an immense cargo of foodstuffs, in the shape of flour, canned goods and pickled meats on board, consigned to the Japanese government has been sent to the bottom. We have reason to believe that the object of the Russian fleet is the capture of the vessel, and it is possible to see these vessels had into a Russian port. They will likely be destroyed, if captured."

The insurance expert of the Times states both the cargo and hull of the ill-fated Knight Commander were fully insured, so far as cargo is concerned. The insurance on the vessel amounts to \$125,000.

## DEFENDS RIGHT TO SEARCH.

John Bassett Moore Says Custom Is Recognized by All Nations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, July 25.—In an authorized interview in the Herald yesterday morning, John Bassett Moore, professor of international law at Columbia University, and formerly Assistant Secretary of State, in speaking of the seizure of merchant steamships by vessels in the Red Sea, contends that the right of search is recognized by all nations. He says that the probability of American cargoes bound to the Far East being interfered with, he maintains that the United States might never be able to obtain the provisions or raw cotton are contraband of war.

Moore spoke in general terms only, declining to discuss specifically the Russian seizures or the status of the Russian volunteer cruisers that have made the passage of the Dardanelles. He said, "The mere fact that goods are bound for the port of a belligerent," he said, "does not make them contraband and, therefore, unless destined for the use of the government, are not contraband. It must be proved that they are for the use of the army or navy. That is our position, and always has been our position. Of course, it is very true that anything on its way to a country may be used in war, but that argument is not sufficient to make it contraband."

"Think of the position this country would be in, with its great agricultural industry, if our military and naval contraband, for example, were made contraband, and their way to the army of a belligerent?"

"England held the same view during the Boer war. In the course of the war,"

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responsibility arising out of her seizure of American goods on their way to Delagoa Bay, and, finally, the question of contraband. "Foodstuffs, with a hostile destination, can be considered contraband of war only if they are supplied for the enemy's forces. It is not sufficient that they are capable of being so used; it must be shown that this was in fact their destination at the time of seizure."

"The position of the United States was last asserted in general order No. 42, 'Instructions to blockading vessels and cruisers,' issued on June 20, 1898, during our war with Spain. The instructions of 1898, it is stated that the term contraband of war comprehends only articles having a military or naval use."

"The instructions go on to enumerate as 'absolutely contraband' ordnance, machine guns, armor plate, and instruments of war, and specially adapted for use in war, torpedoes, engineering and transport materials, campaigning forces, signal flags, and such like."

"The following are enumerated as 'conditionally contraband': Coal, when destined for a naval station, a port of call or a ship or ships of the enemy; materials for the construction of railways or telegraphs, and money, when such materials or money are destined for the enemy's forces; provisions, when destined for an enemy's ship or ships or for a place that is besieged."

"In other words, foodstuffs in order to be contraband must be directly intended for military use. That position we have always maintained. 'Of course, in these days, when there are no networks of railways, the shipment of provisions in any part of the country that is at war may be said to be possibly destined for the enemy's forces, and, therefore, contraband. But that sort of reasoning is inadmissible, as it would convert into contraband practically anything that can be consumed.'"

## ARE ORDERED HOME.

Smolensky and St. Petersburg to be Formally Re-commissioned.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 25.—The Associated Press is informed that the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensky and St. Petersburg have already been ordered home, and that instructions for their return have been cable. The assurance given by the Japanese government is declared to be satisfactory.

The instructions given the commanders of the vessels repeat the orders heretofore announced in these dispatches, directing them to refrain from further attempts to stop merchant ships, either in the Red Sea or the Mediterranean.

The decision not to insist upon the war status of the ships was probably reached at the conference held Saturday. The two ships may be brought to the Baltic and formally re-commissioned.

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## ENGLISH INVESTIGATING.

Deplore Incident of Knight Commander Coming at an Unfortunate Time.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 25.—M. J. The Foreign Office has received news of the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander, and has instructed the British consul at Yokohama to make a full investigation of the case and report on it to the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office regrets the incident as coming at an unfortunate time in connection with public opinion here, but the officials refrain from all comment pending receipt of details.

There is practically no excitement here over the sinking of the Knight Commander, the Russian action having been taken by a regular warship and within the zone of hostilities. The bitter criticism evoked over the action of the Russian volunteer fleet, and the seizure and sale of the Russian volunteer fleet, and the seizure of the Dardanelles, is more or less disarmed. The Foreign Office for the moment takes it as merely another strong argument in favor of an international conference relative to contraband.

## COMPLICATED CASE.

Attitude of the State Department Upon the Russian Seizures.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The week's investigation by the State Department of the problems connected with the operations of belligerent ships against neutral merchantmen, has crystallized in a letter addressed to the Pacific Mail Company. The department does not deem it appropriate to make the letter public, but it is understood to be based upon expressions delivered in preceding administrations of the State Department, which in substance warned shippers against the carriage of contraband and of violation of port rules imposed by belligerents in a position to enforce them. The position of the department in this matter will be specifically and publicly developed, not academically, but in connection with the first protest which is lodged with the department against the action of one of

the belligerents toward an American ship or an American cargo.

The case of the Knight Commander is regarded here as complicated and difficult of treatment. It is apprehended that if the contention of the shippers' agents that the cargo contained no contraband is correct, the general doctrine of 'neutral flag covers neutral goods' has been violated by the destruction of the ship and cargo.

A fact developed this afternoon which might have led to serious complications had it not been announced that the Russian government had given orders for the release of the vessel and the British ship Ardoza. This vessel had on board a large quantity of supplies being shipped by the War Department to the Philippine government, including about 250 tons of powder and much other material. The Russian definition of contraband. The stores were being shipped through the house of George W. Peabody, of New York, and the Orient, who today telegraphed the War Department that the Philippine stores were aboard the Ardoza, and asked the department to exert itself to secure their release. The application was promptly taken by Acting Secretary Oliver to the State Department, but in view of the release of the Ardoza, it is improbable that any action will be taken by the department.

## ARDOZA RELEASED.

German Steamer Lisboa Search- ed and Then Allowed to Proceed.

(By Associated Press.)

SUEZ, July 25.—The British steamer Ardoza, which was seized by the Russian volunteer steamer Smolensky, has been released and her prize crew has been landed.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, July 25.—The German steamer Lisboa, of the Oldenburg-Portugal line, has been stopped and searched by a Russian warship in the gulf of Finland. She was then released.

# A STORM OF SHOT AND SHELL

(Continued from First Page.)

Chung correspondent describes a fourteen hours' desperate battle, with heavy losses on both sides, which resulted in the Russian position at Ta Tche Kiao being rendered untenable, by reason of which they will be compelled to retreat towards Hui Cheng.

The battle began at 6 o'clock in the morning, the correspondent says, "The Russians resuming attack on the Japanese position on the heights east of Ta Tche Kiao. After a few hours the Japanese left flank from Taping Mountain captured the village of Tanguiduen, compelling the Russians to retreat to Tanguiduen, six miles from their base."

"The Russians, now reinforced, maintained the position until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Japanese right flank made a sudden appearance on the hills south of Ta Tche Kiao, and by a tremendous fire forced the Russians to retreat. "The Japanese firing line extended fifteen miles."

"After two more hours of an incessant

storm of shot and shell they swept the last hill and the plain clear of Russians."

## UNITED STATES CONSULATE AT NEW CHWANG.

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## EVACUATE NEW CHWANG.

Minister Conger Says Russians Have Abandoned Place—Sinking of British Steamer.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Minister Conger, at Peking, has cabled the State Department under today's date that he has been informed that the Russians to-day evacuated New Chwang. He also confirms the published reports of the sinking of the Vladivostok squadron of a British steamer with a cargo consigned to the American Trading Company.

The vessel mentioned by Mr. Conger is the Knight Commander. Hopkins & Son, the local agents of the American Trading Company, report that the steamer was sunk of 6,000 tons and sailed from New York sixty days ago under charter by Howard, Horder, Bowett & Co., London, and New York. The general cargo carried belonged mostly to American merchants and was consigned to the American Trading Company's shipping agent at Yokohama, on account of the Japanese having driven back, and it is believed that the cargo contained no contraband and it is expected that the State Department will be addressed on the subject.

## DESTROY PROPERTY.

Russians Leaving New Chwang, But Japanese Have Not Yet Entered.

(By Associated Press.)

TIENTSIN, July 25.—Information has been received here to the effect that the Japanese have entered New Chwang. The Russian civil administration departed last night (Sunday), and the destruction of the Russian property began this morning at the instance of the administration. The fighting reported yesterday took place between the Chinese and the Japanese, and the Japanese troops from Kai Chow were engaged. No engagement has taken place at Ta Tche Kiao.

## Dispatch Lacks Convincing Details.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 25.—A dispatch to a news agency from Liao Yang reports heavy fighting there last night, and that the cargo contained no contraband and it is expected that the State Department will be addressed on the subject.

## At The Casino.

It was a good-natured, easily pleased audience that witnessed the performance of the Haynes and Redmond Company at the Casino last night, and it was well that the audience brought its humor with them, for they had no other resource. The members of the company would have had a hard time but for the generosity of the audience, who were so liberal in their efforts of the performers, even when a number was rendered that was altogether without merit. The audience knew that the cargo contained no contraband and it is expected that the State Department will be addressed on the subject.

## RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW CHWANG, July 25.—A battle took place yesterday (Sunday) east of Ta Tche Kiao, which resulted in the Japanese being driven back, and it is believed they will have to retire to Liao Yang. The battle lasted all day.

## Vladivostok Squadron Sighted.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, July 25.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron was seen to the eastward of the Kazusa province at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was steaming to the east.

Kazusa province is on the east side of Tokyo Bay.

## ARE SLIDING DOWN LADDER.

Cincinnati Team Climbs Into Second Place Over Shoulders of Windy City Lads.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 25.—Pittsburgh won both games with ease. The pitchers in both games did good work and were well supported, except in the second game, when Brooklyn's three errors netted two runs for Pittsburgh.

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs. Won. Lost. P. C.

New York..... 51 23 68.8

Cincinnati..... 48 23 67.7

Brooklyn..... 45 23 66.7

Pittsburgh..... 41 31 56.8

St. Louis..... 39 33 54.4

Philadelphia..... 20 60 25.0

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Quart Mason Jar, 10c  
For Iced Tea, try our green or mixed Tea, 10c  
Arm and Hammer Brand Soda, pkgs. 4c  
Large Bottle Ammonia, 25c  
3 pound California Peaches for 25c  
Arbuckle's Arrow Coffee, lb. 11c  
Early June Peas, can 9c  
Sour Pickles, gallon 25c  
Small California Hams, pound 15c  
2 box De Luxe Raisins, 25c  
White A Sugar, pound 4c  
Lion Coffee, 1 lb. paper 15c  
Best City Meal, per peck, 18c, or bushel 70c  
Quart Mason Jar, 10c  
Best Cream Cheese, 2 lbs for 10c  
Canned Tomatoes, large cans 7c  
New Clipped Herring, 3 dozen for 25c  
Good Lard, pound 10c  
Quart Jar Home-Made Sweet 10c  
1 lb. Marshall Street 10c  
Gibson XXXX, Mt. Vernon, Oscar  
Pepper Old Brand Whiskey, bottle 75c  
3 lb Jar Home-Made Preserves 18c  
Blackberry or Catawba Wine, quart 12c  
Glass Snaps or Soda Crystals, lb. 4c  
Salt Pork, per pound 15c  
Smithfield Hams, pound 15c  
Blackening and Scrub Brushes 15c  
8 bars Octagon Shaped Soap 15c  
Good Green or Mixed Tea, lb. 30c  
1 lb. dozen New Red Herring for 25c  
Pure Old Vinegar, gal 25c  
Fresh Bologna Sausage, pound 7c  
2 boxes Soap for 10c  
Country Jokes, lb 10c  
Root Beer, makes two gallons, bottle 5c  
Duffy's Malt Whiskey, per bottle 80c

## S. ULLMAN'S SON.

Downtown Store, 1820-1822 East Main Street. Uptown Store, 505 East Marshall Street.

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forced to retire, leaving their dead and wounded on the field. The dispatch lacks convincing details.

## INCESSANT FIGHTING.

About Thirty Thousand Russians Were Engaged—A Fierce Artillery Duel.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 25.—War news in the newspapers this morning is most scant, but all reports indicate that the Russians have suffered a serious check in the vicinity of Ta Tche Kiao.

The Daily Telegraph's Liao Yang correspondent, telegraphing Sunday, reports that Ta Tche Kiao was definitely evacuated after a severe engagement, which was intended to retard a Japanese flank movement on Liao Yang, but the dispatch does not give the place of the battle or the date.

The correspondent at Tien Tsin, of the Standard, reports heavy fighting since Thursday around Ta Tche Kiao and Kia Chai, in which the Japanese were steadily forcing the Russians back, and an agency here reports heavy fighting there all of Sunday, it would appear, refers to this battle, and from this and other reports it seems that some thirty thousand Russians were engaged, and that the battle, to a great extent, was an artillery duel, no mention being made of a cav-

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

Washington-Detroit—wet grounds, postponed.

Philadelphia-Cleveland—rain.

Boston, 4; St. Louis, 3.

New York, 1; Chicago, 0.

## Where They Play To-day.

Chicago at Boston.

Detroit at Philadelphia.

Cleveland at Washington.

St. Louis at New York.

## Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs. Won. Lost. P. C.

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## Boston, 4; St. Louis, 3.

BOSTON, MASS., July 25.—Boston turned the tables to-day, winning an eleven-inning game. The champions' victory, however, was due chiefly to the misplay of the victors.

Score: R. H. E.

Boston..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 9 0

St. Louis..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batteries: Orth and Kilenow; Owen and Sullivan. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Sheridan. Attendance, 1,322.

## NEW YORK, 1; Chicago, 0.

NEW YORK, July 25.—In pitchers' battle between Oth and Owen New York defeated Chicago to-day.

Score: R. H. E.

New York..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 4 0

Chicago..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batteries: Orth and Kilenow; Owen and Sullivan. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Sheridan. Attendance, 1,322.

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

At Atlanta—Atlanta, 6; Memphis, 0.

At Nashville—Nashville, 3; Little Rock, 1.

At New Orleans—New Orleans, 3; Montgomery, 1 (five innings).

At Birmingham—Birmingham, 9; Shreveport, 1.

## SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

Scores Yesterday.

At Macon—Macon, 2; Augusta, 1.

At Jacksonville—Jacksonville, 6; Charleston, 1.

At Savannah—Savannah, 1; Columbia, 1.

## NORFOLK STEEPLECHASE.

Many Famous Virginia Hunters Entered at the Fair There.

The State Fair to be held in Norfolk August 1st to 5th will embrace, besides the usual track racing, a great steeplechase, in which many of the best known jumpers in the State will contest.

Landmark announces that Mr. R. M. Taylor, of Baltimore, who has a fine farm in Virginia, will be there with his famous Gray Rock, winner of ribbons at Richmond horse shows, and will ride him over a jump of six feet two inches. Among the horses mentioned in these contests are Mr. Richard Wallace, of Warrenton, with his horses; Portner, Brothers, of the Manassas; Courtland H. Smith, of the Manassas; and Hunt Club, of this city. These will contest in the event for hunt club. Besides these there will be a number of other horses, but they had no time to enter.

## Nothing to Eat.

Mary Randolph, colored, the woman whose house near Beverly and Champlain Streets was raided last night, and who was reported to be in destitute circumstances, a person who was there yesterday found that her husband was sick and that there was nothing to eat in the house.

## A Drag-Net Catch.

The police of the Second Station made a record for themselves last night. No. 115 West Broad Street was raided, and fifteen negroes were arrested. A number of them were held, but an unlucky few had to spend the night in the station house.

## Not Much Freedom.

William Knight, colored, who escaped from the city jail yesterday, was arrested last night by Deputy Jailer Nance, and recommitment.

## Used a Razor.

Emma Jane Edwards, colored, an old offender, was arrested again yesterday afternoon, charged with assaulting and cutting with a razor, one Lucinda Parker, also colored.

# ARE SLIDING DOWN LADDER

Cincinnati Team Climbs Into Second Place Over Shoulders of Windy City Lads.

## BROOKLYN LOSES TWO GAMES

American League Champions Turn Tables on St. Louis and Win Close Game.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 25.—Baron Graton, driven by Ed. Geers, this afternoon at the Blue Ribbon meeting of the Detroit Driving Club, which opens the Detroit Chamber of Commerce stakes, won the \$2,000 grand trotting circuit, won the \$2,0